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For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 1, 1895. 1515

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

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HEAD OFFICE, LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP	£800,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS	£800,000
RESERVE FUND	£450,000

INTEREST allowed on Current Account at the rate of 2 % per annum on the Daily balances.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months	4 %
" " " 6 "	3½ %
" " " 3 "	2½ %

T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager.

Hongkong, May 25, 1898. 846

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL	£1,500,000
SUBSCRIBED	£1,125,000
PAID UP	£ 562,500
RESERVE FUND	£ 10,000

BANKERS:
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts at the rate of 2% per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—

For 12 Months	4 %
" 6 "	3½%
" 3 "	2½%

J. THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, December 1, 1897. 2340

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED,

ESTABLISHED 1880

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, ...	Yen 12,000,000
PAID UP CAPITAL, ...	" 9,000,000
RESERVE FUND	" 6,660,000

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HONGKONG AGENCY—Interest allowed.

On Current Account at the Rate of 2% per annum on the daily balance.

On fixed deposits for 12 months, 5% per annum.

On fixed deposits for 6 months, 4% per annum

On fixed deposits for 3 months, 3% per annum.

S. CHOH, *Agent.*

Hongkong, March 24, 1898. 530

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL	£1,000,000.
PAID UP CAPITAL	£ 324,374.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

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Chief Manager.
G. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed 5 %.

Hongkong, November 30, 1897. 171

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL	$10,000,000.
RESERVE FUND	$ 8,000,000.
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS	$10,000,000.

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On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—

For 3 months	3 per cent.	per annum.
" 6 "	3½ "	"
" 12 "	4 "	"

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, May 20, 1898. 368

THE BACK DOOR.

THE Series of Articles entitled 'THE BACK DOOR,' which appeared in the *China Mail*, have been reprinted, and may be obtained in Pamphlet Form.

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Intimations.

THE CHINA REVIEW.

PUBLISHED BI-MONTHLY.

THIS *Review*, which was intended to meet the wants of many students of Chinese caused by the discontinuance of '*Notes and Queries on China and Japan*,' has reached its Twenty-third Volume. The *Review* discusses those topics which are uppermost in the minds of students of the 'Far East' and about which every intelligent person connected with China or Japan is desirous of acquiring trustworthy information. It includes many interesting Notes and original Papers on the Arts, Sciences, Ethnology, Folklore, Geography, History Literature, Mythology, Natural History, Antiquities, and Social Manners and Customs, etc., etc., of China, Japan, Mongolia, Tibet, and the Far East generally. Recently a new departure has been taken, and the *Review* now gives papers on Trade, Commerce, and Descriptive notes of Travel by well-known writers. It was thought that by extending the scope of the *Review* in this direction, the Magazine would be made more generally useful.

The Review department receives special attention, and endeavours are made to present a careful and concise record of Literature on China, etc., and to give critiques embodying sketches of the Most recent works on such topics. Authors and Publishers are requested to forward works to 'Editor, *China Review*, care of *China Mail* Office.'

The Notes and Queries are still continued and form an important means of obtaining, from and diffusing among students knowledge on obscure points.

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Original contributions in Chinese, Latin, or any of the Modern Languages are received. The papers are contributed by the members of the various Consular, the Imperial Customs, and Hongkong Services, and also by the Missionary bodies amongst whom a high degree of Chinese scholarship is assiduously cultivated. Amongst the regular contributors are Drs. Chalmers, Eitel, Bretschneider, and Hirth, Professor Legge, and Messrs Balfour, Watters, Stent, Phillips, MacIntyre, Groot, Jamieson, Faber, Kopsch, Parker, Playfair, Giles, Piton, and Taylor,—all well-known names, indicative of sound scholarship and thorough mastery of their subject.

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'The November-December number of the *China Review* contains less variety than usual, but the few articles are very interesting. The opening paper by Mr Herbert A. Giles on "The New Testament in Chinese" treats of a question that must necessarily be of great importance in the eyes of all missionaries. . . . . Mr E. H. Parker's "Short Journeys in Szechuen" are continued, and a goodly instalment of these travels in the interior of China is given. Mr F. H. Balfour contributes a paper of some length entitled "The Emperor Cheng, founder of the Chinese Empire," which will be read with genuine interest by students of Chinese history. A few short notices of New Books and a number of Notes and Queries, one of which 'On Chinese Oaths in Western Borneo and Java' might appropriately have been placed under a separate heading, complete the number.'—*H.K. Daily Press.*

Trübner's Oriental Record contains the following notice of the *China Review*:—The present publication, judging by the number now before us, is intended to occupy a position, as regards China and the neighbouring countries, somewhat similar to that which has been filled in India by the *Calcutta Review*. The great degree of attention that has been bestowed of late years upon the investigation of Chinese literature, antiquities, and social developments, to say nothing of linguistic studies, has led to the accumulation of important stores of information, rendering some such channel of publicity as is now provided extremely desirable; and contributions of much interest may fairly be looked or from the members of the foreign consular services, the Chinese Customs' corps, and the missionary body, among whom a high degree of Chinese scholarship is now assiduously cultivated, and who are severally represented in the first number of the *Review* by papers highly creditable to their respective authors . . . . Some translations from Chinese novels and plays are marked by both accuracy and freshness of style; and an account of the career of the Chinese poet-statesman of the eleventh century, Su Tung-p'o, by Mr. E. C. Bowra, is not only historically valuable, but is also distinguished by its literary grace. Beside notices of new books relating to China and the East, which will be a useful feature of the *Review*, if carried out with punctuality and detail, we are glad to notice that 'Notes' and 'Queries' are destined to find a place in its pages also. It is to be hoped that this opening for contributions on Chinese subjects may evoke a similar degree of literary zeal to that which was displayed during the lifetime of its predecessor in the field, and that the *China Review* may receive the support necessary to insure its continuance.

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The General Local Rates for Hongkong, China and Treaty Ports (Canton excepted) are:—

Letters per ½ oz., 5 cents (a).
Post Cards, each, 1 cent.
Reply Post Cards, 2 cents each.
Books and Patterns, per 2 oz., 2 cents.
Newspapers and Prices Current, 2 each per 2 oz.
Registration, 5 cents.

(a) Between Hongkong, Canton, and Macao 2 cents.

Local Delivery.

1. All correspondence posted before 5 p.m. on any week day for addresses in Victoria will be delivered the same day. In Town (Ship Street to Bonham Strand West, up to level of Robinson Road) at 8 a.m. 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m. In the Suburbs, 9 a.m., noon, 5 p.m.; unless the delivery should be retarded by the Contract Mails.

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Parcels must be posted in Hongkong before 3 p.m. on the day before the departure of the Mail. Those arriving from the Coast, &c., after this hour are kept for the following P. & O. Mail.

The Postage is 40 cents per lb., and 25 cents each succeeding lb or fraction of a lb. which includes Registration fee, and must be prepaid in stamps. No further charge is made in the United Kingdom except for Customs dues. No parcel must be more than 3 feet 6 inches in length, or 6 feet in greatest length and girth combined. A receipt is given for each Parcel.

The sender must fill up a form of Customs Declaration, which can be obtained free at each Post Office. No parcel can be accepted till this is completely and accurately filled. The only articles ordinarily sent from China which are liable to duty are Tea and Tobacco.

Dangerous or perishable goods, articles likely to injure the Mails, Liquids (unless securely packed) or parcels easily crushed, such as band-boxes, are prohibited. No Parcel can be received if its value exceeds $500. A Parcel may contain a letter to the same address as that of the Parcel itself, or another Parcel to the same address. No other enclosures are allowed.

With regard to inward Parcels, addressees are requested to observe that the Parcel Mail is not opened until the ordinary distribution of letters, &c., is finished. The postage on Parcels at home is 10*d*. per lb., the Regulations are generally similar to the above, and the Parcels are sent out *viâ Gibraltar*.

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2. That the letter was securely enclosed in a reasonably strong envelope.

3. That application was made to the Postmaster General of Hongkong immediately the loss was discovered, and within a year at the most from the date of Posting.

4. That the Postmaster General is satisfied that the loss occurred whilst the correspondence was in the custody of the British Postal administration in China, that it was not caused by any fault on the part of the sender, by destruction by fire, or shipwreck, nor by the dishonesty or negligence of any person not in the employment of the Hongkong Post Office.

5. No compensation can be paid for more damage to fragile articles such as portraits, watches, handsomely bound books, &c., which reach their destination, although in a broken or deteriorated condition. Nor on account of alleged losses of the *Contents* of Registered covers which have reached their destinations. Nor on account of any article for which the addressee has signed a receipt.

Missent or Delayed Correspondence.

When correspondence has been missent or delayed (both of which are liable to happen occasionally) all that the addressee need do is to note on the cover, *Sent to* ——, or *Received at 7 p.m.*, or as the case may be, and forward it, without any other writing whatever, to the Postmaster General. This action should be taken the first time cause of complaint occurs; it is a mistake to let such matters pass for fear of giving trouble, a course which generally gives more trouble in the end.

1. Circulars, Dividend Warrants, Invitations, Cards, Patterns, Bills, Almanacs, &c., for addresses in Hongkong or the Ports of China, in batches of not less than ten of uniform size and weight may be sent to the Post Office unstamped, the postage, at the rate of one cent each, being paid in cash or charged to the sender's account. Special accounts may be opened with non-box-holders for the delivery of considerable numbers of such articles.

2. Such covers, when addressed to places other than Hongkong or China, must be prepaid two cents each in stamps as heretofore.

3. Circulars, &c., must not exceed 8 ounces each in weight. Patterns, Almanacs, &c., must be under 4 ounces each in weight. Heavier articles will be charged ordinary rates.

4. Envelopes containing Patterns, &c., may be wholly closed if the nature of the contents be first exhibited or stated to the Postmaster General, as he may consider necessary, and approved by him. Printed circulars may be enclosed in pattern packets.

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Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eleven Sections, commencing from Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked *h.*, near the Kowloong shore *k.*, and those in the body of the Shipping or midway between each shore are marked *c.*, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
2. From Gas Works to Jardine's Wharf.
3. From Jardine's Wharf to the Harbour Master's Office.
4. From Harbour Master's to the P. & O. Co.'s Office.
5. From P. & O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.
6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.

Section.
7. From Naval Yard to Blue Buildings.
8. From Blue Buildings to East Point.
9. From Kellett's Island to North Point.
10. Kowloon Wharves.
11. Jardine's Wharf.

Vessel's Name.	*Anchorage.*	*Captain.*	*Flag and Rig.*	*Tons nett.*	*Date of Arrival.*	*Consignees or Agents.*	*Destination.*	*Remarks.*
Steamers								
Activ	5 c	Andersen	Norw. str.	867	July 10	Order		
Arabia	5 k	Dompwolf	Ger. str.	3395	July 10	Siemssen & Co.		
Ask	3 c	Hygom	Dan. str.	654	July 10	A. R. Marty		
Avars	5 k	Kilgour	Brit. str	2481	July 6	Captain		
Bellerophon	5 k	Peters	Brit. str.	1318	July 8	Butterfield & Swire		
Bormida	3 c	Barabino	Italian str.	1299	July 7	Carlowitz & Co.	Singapore & Bombay	July 12.
Butuan	5 k	Maddriego	Span. str.	328	Feb. 15	Brandao & Co.		
Changsha	5 c	Williams	Brit. str.	2463	July 10	Butterfield & Swire	Foochow	July 15.
Clara	3 c	Bruhn	Ger. str.	675	July 10	Jebsen & Co.		
Daphne	3 c	Niszs	Ger. str.	1291	July 6	Siemssen & Co.	Nagasaki	July 13.
Della	5 h	Christiansen	Ger. str.	3200	July 9	Siemssen & Co.		
Deucalion	5 k	Branch	Brit. str.	1374	July 2	Butterfield & Swire	Sandakan	July 12.
Eddie	5 c	Land	Brit. str.	1686	July 7	Admiralty		
Fausang	5 c	Moncur	Brit. str.	1410	July 7	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Glenearn	3 c	Murray	Brit. str.	1424	June 22	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Glenfarg	5 c	Selby	Brit. str.	2350	July 8	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	San Francisco	July 19.
Hailan	3 c	Bast	Fren. str.	377	July 10	A. R. Marty		
Haitan	5 h	Hall	Brit. str.	1183	July 10	Douglas Steamship Co.	Coast Ports	July 12.
Isidoro Pons	...	Roses	Span. str.	625	April 14	Order	....	K'loon Dock
Kagoshima Maru	3 c	Ekstrand	Japan. str.	1899	July 9	Nippon Yusen Kaisha		
Kong Beng	5 h	Joslin	Brit. str.	862	July 5	Woo Fat		
Kwanon Maru	3 c	Wase	Japan. str.	1616	July 3	Sam Yik Loong		
Kweiyang	3 c	Outerbridge	Brit. str.	1062	July 10	Butterfield & Swire	Tientsin	July 12
Loongmoon	...	Schulz	Ger. str.	1245	July 8	Siemssen & Co.	....	K'loon Dock
Miike Maru	3 c	Kwamuro	Japan. str.	2060	July 11	Nippon Yusen Kaisha		
Bongkut	3 c	Calder	Brit. str.	859	July 7	Woo Fat	Saigon	July 12.
Nanchang	9 c	Finlayson	Brit. str.	1060	July 10	Butterfield & Swire		
Peiyang	3 c	Kohler	Ger. str.	954	July 11	Siemssen & Co.	Shanghai	July 12.
Queen Mary	5 h	Simpson	Brit. str.	2264	July 4	Government		
Riojun Maru	3 c	Mases	Japan. str.	2972	July 11	Nippon Yusen Kaisha		
Sabine Rickmers	5 c	Nasbet	Ger. str.	598	July 10	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Senta	5 c	Voss	Ger. str.	2059	July 9	Siemssen & Co.	S'pore & Hamburg	July 12.
Sinkai	3 c	Veerdmann	Japan. str.	264	July 6	Order		
Suisang	5 h	Payne	Brit. str.	1776	July 5	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	S'pore & Calcutta	July 12.
Taisang	3 c	Sawer	Brit. str.	1505	July 8	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Tancarville	3 c	Brown	Brit. str.	1535	July 1	Meyer & Co.		
Tritos	3 c	Dinse	Ger. str.	1033	July 10	Siemssen & Co.		
Unity	3 c	Hansen	Norw. str.	994	July 11	Master		
Vindobona	3 c	Bellen	Aus. str.	2689	July 10	Sander, Wieler & Co.	Straits & Bombay	July 12.
Wong-koi	5 c	Stonham	Brit. str.	1152	July 9	Butterfield & Swire	Swatow & Bangkok	July 12.
Sailing Vessels.								
Duchesse Anne	5 k	Corvony	Fch. bqe.	1114	June 23	Carlowitz & Co.		
Etha Rickmers	2 k	Rose	Brit. str.	1754	June 17	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Crown of Germany	5 k	McIlgorm	Br. 4m. bk.	2154	July 9	Skott & Co.		
Hawthorn Bank	2 h	Greig	Brit. bqe.	1288	May 21	Standard Oil Co.		
Kelat	2 k	Hughes	Brit. sh.	1823	June 23	Standard Oil Co.		
Marian Woodside	2 k	Russell	Brit. bqe.	1470	May 26	Order		
Mary L. Cushing	2 k	Pendleton	Amer. sh.	1575	June 7	Standard Oil Co.		
Metropolis	2 k	Richard	Br. 4m. bk.	1697	June 21	Order		
Muskoka	2 k	Crowe	Br. 4m. bk.	2459	June 21	Order		
Old Kensington	5 h	Tucker	Brit. sh.	1777	June 26	Admiralty		
Penobscot	2 k	McCaulder	Amer. sh.	1067	June 28	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.		
Prince Arthur	2 k	Olsen	Norw. bqe.	1598	July 8	Order		
Richard Rickmers	5 k	Benecke	Ger. bqe.	1325	June 18	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Rose	2 k	Garrick	Brit. bqe.	1595	May 20	Order		
Samar	2 k	Forbes	Amer. bqe.	1032	May 20	Order		
State of Maine	2 k	Curtis	Amer. sh.	1447	May 12	Standard Oil Co.		
Vale of Doon	2 k	Petersen	Brit. bqe.	668	July 9	Sander, Wieler & Co.		

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[Office Hours (Sundays and holidays excepted) 10 to 4, Saturdays 10 to 1, but the office is open from 10 to 5 on the working day next before any mail for Europe, which leaves at noon.]

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New Zealand.
British North Borneo.
Queensland.
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South Australia.
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Cyprus.
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Bank of China & Japan, Limited preference shares	33,950	£ 5	£ 5	nom.
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National Bank of China, Limited	...	£ 10	£ 6	$17
MARINE INSURANCE.				
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Yangtsze Insurance Association, Ld.	8,000	$ 100	$ 60	$130, sellers
FIRE INSURANCES.				
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H'kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ld.	12,500	$ 125	all	250 % prm =$437½
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Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	$ 50	all	$58, sales
HK., C. and M. Steamboat Co., Ld	80,000	$ 15	$ 1	$25½, buyers
Indo-China S. N. Company, Limited	30,000	£ 10	all	$56½, ex div., buyers
China Mutual S. N. Co.	20,000	£ 10	£ 1	£10.10, buyers
			£ 1	£5.5
D° (new issue)	20,000	£ 1	£	£2.18, buyers
REFINERIES.				
China Sugar Company, Limited	20,000	$ 100	all	$167
Luzon Sugar Company, Limited	7,000	$ 100	all	$38, sellers
WHARVES.				
HK. & Kow. Wharf & Godown Co.	20,000	$ 50	all	$80
Wanchai Warehouse and Storage Company, Limited	2,600	$ 100	$ 37½	$41½
LAND AND BUILDING.				
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited	50,000	$ 100	$ 50	$71, sellers
Kowloon Land and Building Company, Ld.	6,000	$ 50	$ 30	$17, sellers
Humphreys' Estate & Finance Co.	25,400	$ 10	all	$8½, sellers
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TRAMWAYS.				
HK. High Level Tramways Co., Ld	1,250	$ 100	all	$107
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Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	30,000	$ 10	$ 1	$8½, ex div., buyers
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Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Ld.	10,000	£ 1	15/	$5
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Hongkong Bakery Company, Ld.	6,000	$ 50	all	$18
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co.	10,000	$ 7.50		$5½, buyers
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H'kong Rope Manufactory Co. Ld	5,000	$ 50	all	$160, sales
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Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ld.	10,000	Tls. 100	Tls 100	Tls. 100
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ld.	10,000	Tls. 100	Tls 100	Tls. 100, ex div.
Laou-Kung-Mow Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ld.	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls 100	Tls. 101, sales
Carmichael & Co., Ld.	2,000	$ 100	$ 50	$5
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Ld.	2,000	Tls. 500	Tls 500	Tls. 315

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Algerine	sloop	1050	6	1805	Lieut.-Com. E. H. Grafton	Shanghai
Archer	cruiser, 3rd class	1770	6	3500	Comdr. C. J. Kingsmill	Nagasaki
Barfleur	battleship, 1st class	10,500	14	13,000	Capt. R. N. Custance	Nagasaki
Bonaventure	cruiser, 2nd class	4360	10	9000	Capt. R. A. J. Montgomerie	Manila
Centurion*	battleship, 1st class	10,500	14	13,000	Captain Jellicoe	Weihaiwei
Daphne	sloop	1150	8	2000	Commander Galloway	Hongkong
Esk	g-bt. 3rd class coast defence	363	2	200	Lt.-Com. Chadwick	Hankow
Fame	torpedo boat destroyer	260	6	4000	Lieut. H. A. Gillett	Nagasaki
Firebrand	gunboat, 2nd class	455	2	360	—	Hongkong
Gibraltar	cruiser, 1st class	7700	12	12,000	Capt. H. F. Hughes-Hallett	en route
Grafton†	cruiser, 1st class	7350	12	12,000	Captain E. P. Jones	Nagasaki
Handy	torpedo boat destroyer	260	6	4000	Lieut. A. Gillespie	Chefoo
Hart	torpedo boat destroyer	260	6	4000	Lieut. H. F. Shakespear	Nagasaki
Hermione	cruiser, 2nd class	4360	10	9000	Capt. G. A. Gallaghan	Singapore
Humber	storeship	1640	—	800	Lieut. Plumer	Hongkong
Immortalité	armoured cruiser, 1st class	5600	12	8500	Captain Edward Chichester	Manila
Iphigenia	cruiser, 2nd class	3600	8	9000	Capt. H. T. Dudding	Nagasaki
Linnet	gunboat, 2nd class	756	2	870	Com. W. W. Smythe	Foochow
Narcissus	armoured cruiser, 1st class	5600	12	8500	Comdr. W. C. C. Forsyth	Weihaiwei
Peacock	gunboat, 1st class	750	6	1200	Lieut.-Com. P. S. St. John	Labuan
Phœnix	sloop	1050	6	1400	Capt. Cochrane	Chemulpo
Pigmy	gunboat, 1st class	750	6	1200	Lieut. Dormer	Manila
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Tamar	receiving ship	2047	—	—	Commodore S. Holland	Hongkong
Tweed	g-bt 3rd class coast defence	363	2	250	—	On a cruise
Undaunted	armoured cruiser, 1st class	5600	12	8500	Capt. A. C. Clarke	Nagasaki
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Aspic	French gunboat	475	3	450	Commander Journe	Saigon
Bayard	French flagship	6500	12	4500	Captain Joannet	Manila
Bruix	French cruiser	—	—	—	Captain Parfait	Manila
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Marco Polo	Italian cruiser	1487	—	—	Captain Incoronato	Woosung
Liberal	Portuguese gunboat	400	3	400	Comdr. Carvalhoso e Athaya	Macao
Admiral Korniloff	Russian cruiser	5500	16	9000	Captain Molas	Port Arthur
Aleout	Russian gunboat	810	2	730	Captain Parenago	Vladivostock
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Pamiat Azova	Russian cruiser	6000	18	6000	Captain Viresnius	Port Arthur
Rossia	Russian cruiser	12,200	—	—	Captain Domojiroff	Port Arthur
Rurik	Russian flagship	10,923	25	13,250	Comdr. Rodionoff	—
Sivatch	Russian gunboat	950	2	1125	Captain Barranoff	Vladivostock
Sissoi Veliky	Russian 2nd class battleship	10,000	14	8500	Captain [illegible]	Port Arthur
Sivoutch	Russian cruiser	950	2	1120	Captain Astromoff	Nagasaki
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ANNUAL REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOL.

The following extracts are taken from the annual report of Mr A. W. Brewin, Inspector of Schools, which is published in the *Gazette*:—

NATURE OF THE EDUCATION GIVEN IN THE SCHOOLS IN THE COLONY.

There is no change to record under this heading. The Government has been unable as yet to give effect to its resolve to encourage an English education in future for the Chinese population. In schools which give an English education the syllabus is founded on that in force in English primary schools, and the text-books used are also those in use at home. But it is questionable whether either syllabus or books are suited for the teaching of English to Chinese. The text-book most in use in the first standard seems to have been compiled with the object of including as few words as possible. And a boy of twelve—and that is the age at which Chinese begin to study English—should be able to learn twice or three times as many words in the course of a year. I do not see how the same methods and books can be suitable both for English and Chinese boys, nor how, from an educational point of view, the best results can be obtained in a school where boys of both nationalities are taught in the same class, and I doubt whether there are compensating social advantages to be gained from the association. In purely Chinese schools the education approximates very closely to that given in schools in China. It is true that geography (of a very elementary kind) is taught in the higher standards, and arithmetic, as an extra subject, but in the teaching of Chinese itself there has been no advance for the last twenty years. In the Annual Report for 1876 Dr Stewart wrote:—'The School Book Committee's books, which were at first neglected and not a little despised, are now read in all the schools in the colony over which there is Government supervision. . . The series promises to have more success than could ever have been anticipated for it.' My predecessor held that Chinese must be taught according to Chinese methods, and that accounts perhaps for my finding that, with very few exceptions, these books are no longer to be met with in our schools. I am unable to believe that the Chinese have said the last word on education and that no progress is possible. According to the Code, in all standards except the first, explanation is required of the text-book which has been learnt by heart, but the masters have found it easier to teach their pupils to get the explanation itself by rote, than to train them to exercise their intelligence. The teaching of English to Chinese instead of their own language has not a few advocates, but to make a proper use of their English, Chinese ought to have a fair knowledge of their own language first, and considering the short time that the ordinary Chinese boy stays at school, the small knowledge of English acquired by him does not compensate him for his complete ignorance of his own language. In his report for the year 1888 Dr Eitel wrote:—'To enable every child first to learn to express thought and feeling correctly in the vernacular tongue, before attempting to acquire a foreign language . . . (is a) sound pedagogical principle . . . Too many Portuguese parents, who speak Portuguese only, send their boys, when six years old, to an English school and insist upon their being hurried as quickly as possible through standard after standard, in order that they may the sooner get employment as clerks and contribute towards the support of the family. The result in most cases is that the mental progress of such scholars is but superficial, that they become mere smatterers in English and worst of all, such systematic hot-house training stunts not only the mental energies but has often also the effect of a blight upon the higher moral perceptions.' The above remarks would be still more true of Chinese.

FEMALE EDUCATION.

Very good work is being done among the Chinese by the various Missions which undertake female education. Its chief value, which lies not in any purely educational results but in the great progress which has been made in overcoming the distrust with which Chinese view advances made by Europeans, is derived from the close supervision exercised by European ladies and from the education and training of Chinese teachers having also been conducted by Europeans. I did not view with much sympathy efforts made to induce Chinese girls to learn English. Under present circumstances an education in English may tend to unfit them for the position which they expect to take in their own society. It certainly will not render them fitter to take it, nor to enter any other society. Improvements in the education of men must precede improvements in the education of women. The Chinese have not yet shown any appreciation of an education in English for their boys except as a means of making money, and it is idle to expect them to give to their daughters what they have not given to their sons. The objections which Chinese parents have to their daughters learning English are not based on unworthy motives, but are very natural and laudable. As a rule girls stay at school longer than boys, and twice as many girls as boys are presented for examination in the four highest standards. This has an important bearing on statistics dealing with the percentages of children at school, and also on the relative value of the education received at boys' and at girls' school. The knowledge acquired in Chinese school by children who leave before reaching the IVth Standard can hardly be said to have any immediate practical value. The actual number of girls at school is greater than it has ever been, though the proportion of girls to boys is not so high as it was in 1893. This is due to the large increase in the number of boys in school in which English is taught.

KINDERGARTENS.

The Kindergarten School attached to the Basel Mission is still in existence, but is no longer under trained European supervision. An application was made to have the school placed under the Grant-in-Aid Code, but it was not granted, and unless the Government is willing to make a grant to a considerable number of such schools, it will not be worth the while of any society to obtain the services of a trained teacher from home. I have been given an opportunity of seeing the school at work, and the brightness of the children, their cleanliness, and their absorption in their work and games left a very favourable impression. The school is a great boon to the poor women of the neighbourhood who have to be out at work all day, but if the Government ever undertakes the task of infant education, it will be necessary to insist on the schools being taught by properly trained teachers, or they will become merely nurseries without any educational effect. From a social point of view, the opening of infant schools under constant European supervision is much to be desired, as the sooner Chinese children come in close contact with Europeans the more perfect will be the harmony between the Government and the Chinese population.

NUMBER OF UNEDUCATED CHILDREN IN THE COLONY.

Latterly, on the ground that most children have to learn two languages, the local school-going age has been regarded as 6 to 16 years. But it is only the children of well-to-do parents who can be reasonably expected to spend 10 years at school. It would be more than satisfactory to find all children between the ages of 7 and 14 under education, and it will be a very long time before the mass of the Chinese community can be brought to regard even 7 years' schooling as necessary for their children. I prefer to fix the school-going age at from 7 to 14 years, as this department is principally concerned with primary education. Previous calculations of the number of uneducated children have assumed that all the children at school were between the ages of 6 and 16, but I find that 30 per cent. of the boys are over 16 years of age in the Grant-in-Aid Schools in which English is taught, whilst the Headmaster of Queen's College informs me that 59 per cent. of his scholars are over that age. I am not in possession of all the necessary figures, but I believe that I am very nearly correct in assuming that out of the 10,833 persons reported as attending school only 7,830 are between the ages of 7 and 14 years. Of these 5,063 are boys and 2,767 are girls. According to the Census of 1897, of the civil land population there were 8,181 boys and 8,809 girls between the ages of 7 and 14. It appears then that 3,118 boys and 5,042 girls were not attending school. There are, I understand, about 300 Chinese boys attending private schools so the number of boys not attending school is reduced to 2,818. It has been correctly pointed out in previous reports that 'the mass of Chinese children remain in school but 3 or 4 years.' At the last examination 99 per cent. of the boys and 93 per cent. of the girls were presented for examination in the first three standards. It is therefore probable that there are very few Chinese boys who have not received some education. In the above calculation the floating population has been left out of account. The number of boys of school-going age in this portion of the community is 2,422, and of girls 2,025. Very few of these attend school. There are insuperable difficulties in the way of regular attendance. Those of them who are not living on junks and fishing boats, which may be absent from the Colony for days at a time, are living on boats which ply for hire and are liable to be called away to distant parts of the harbour and to be detained there for hours. It is only at Shaukiwan that any large proportion of the population lives in boats which are used only as house-boats. In the harbour itself there are only 142 children on boats which presumably never move far from one place.

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12th to 18th July.

Day	Date	HIGH WATER. Hongkong Mean Time.	HIGH WATER. Height.	LOW WATER. Hongkong Mean Time.	LOW WATER. Height.
Tues.	12	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Wed.	13	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Thur.	14	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fri.	15	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sat.	16	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sun.	17	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Station.	Barometer.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind Direction.	Wind Force.	Weather.	Rain.
Wl'ostock	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tokio	29.90	—	—	S	4	—	—
Kochi	30.03	—	—	SE	2	—	—
Nagasaki	30.0	—	—	SW	4	—	—
Kagoshima	30.0	—	—	S	2	—	—
Gutzlaff	29.83	86	79	SSE	5	ov	—
Sharp Pk.	29.87	86	83	SSE	3	b	—
Amoy	29.83	87	69	SE	3	c	—
Swatow	29.90	86	—	E	2	b	—
Canton	29.85	89	69	SE	—	b	—
Hongkong	29.88	85	78	ESE	2	c	—
Vict. Peak	—	—	—	SSW	2	—	—
Gap Rock	29.88	—	—	SSE	4	—	—
Macao	29.88	86	—	S	1	c	—
Haiphong	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
C.S.James	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Manila	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bolinao	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

July 11th.—AT 10 A.M.

Station.	Barometer.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind Direction.	Wind Force.	Weather.	Rain.
Wl'ostock	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tokio	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kochi	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nagasaki	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kagoshima	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gutzlaff	29.91	82	83	SSE	3	bv	—
Sharp Pk.	29.94	85	72	—	0	b	—
Amoy	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Swatow	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Canton	29.96	86	80	SE	2	c	—
Hongkong	29.96	85	71	ESE	2	b	—
Vict. Peak	—	—	—	E	2	—	—
Gap Rock	29.9	—	—	ESE	4	—	—
Macao	29.97	86	—	E	1	c	—
Haiphong	29.85	8	52	S	1	rtl	—
C.S.James	—	—	—	NE	5	f	—
Manila	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bolinao	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

F. G. FIGG, *First Assistant*,
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2. TEMPERATURE, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.
3. HUMIDITY, in percentage of saturation, the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.
4. DIRECTION OF WIND, to two points.
5. FORCE OF WIND, according to Beaufort Scale.
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For Freight, &c., apply to

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Hongkong, July 6, 1898. 1293

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The Steamship *Pathan,* to be despatched for the above Ports on or about 15th July.

S.S. *Macduff,* to sail about 31st July.

S.S. *Sikh,* on or about 13th August.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

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Hongkong, June 29, 1898. 1258

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY,

(UNDER MAIL CONTRACT WITH THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT.)

STEAM TO SHANGHAI AND KOBE.

The Co.'s Steamship *Maria Valerie,* Captain A. FELLNER, will leave for the above places on SATURDAY, the 16th Instant, in the Forenoon.

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Hongkong, July 9, 1898. 1321

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NOTICE.

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ALSO

PORTS OF BRAZIL & RIVER PLATE.

ON SATURDAY, the 16th July, at Noon, the Company's Steamship *CALEDONIEN,* Captain DURRANDE, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for MARSEILLES via BOMBAY.

This Steamer connects at COLOMBO with the s.s. *Ville de la Ciotat,* which vessel takes on her Passengers and Mails, leaving that Port on the 28th Instant, direct to SUEZ, PORT SAID and MARSEILLES.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal Places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 15th Instant. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office).

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, July 2, 1898. 1282

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN & HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA & BALTIC PORTS;

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N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for the principal places in RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Bayern	Wednesday	July 20.
Prinz Heinrich	Wednesday	August 17.
Darmstadt	Wednesday	Sept. 14.
Preussen	Wednesday	October 12.
Sachsen	Wednesday	November 9.
Bayern	Wednesday	December 7.
Prinz Heinrich	Wednesday	Jan. 4, 1899.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 20th day of July, 1898, at 9 a.m., the Company's S. S. *BAYERN,* Captain E. PREHN, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this port as above, *calling at* NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, on MONDAY, the 18th July, Cargo and Specie will be received on board until 5 p.m., on TUESDAY, the 19th July, and Parcels will be received (at the Agency's Office until Noon, on TUESDAY, the 19th July. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than $2.50, and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in measurement.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.

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Hongkong, June 23, 1898. 1229

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL AND AMERICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship *BALLAARAT,* Captain W. J. NANTES, carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for STRAITS and BOMBAY, &c., on SATURDAY, the 23rd July, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed *via* Bombay.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. on the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to

H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, July 5, 1898. 1325

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PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

**Glenfarg* (via Amoy, S'hai, N'ki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Y'hama and Honolulu).....	SATURDAY, July 16, at Daylight.
City of Rio de Janeiro (via Shanghai, N'ki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Y'hama & H'lulu)..	TUESDAY, Aug. 23, at noon.

THE U.S. Mail Steamship *GLENFARG* will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *via* AMOY, SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA & HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, the 16th July, at Daylight, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

* This Steamer will also carry PASSENGERS.

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Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

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Passengers holding orders FOR OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have, between San Francisco and Chicago, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination, the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

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Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m., same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.

Hongkong, July 9, 1898. 1138

Occidental & Oriental Steam-Ship Company.

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THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS

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VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Belgic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)	Tuesday July 26, at noon
Coptic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and H'lulu)	Saturday August 13 at noon.

THE Co.'s Steamship *BELGIC* will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *via* SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on TUESDAY, the 26th July, at Noon.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route.*

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Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or *vice versa*) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. *This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.*

All Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until 5 p.m. the day previous to sailing.

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J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.

Hongkong, July 9, 1898. 1139

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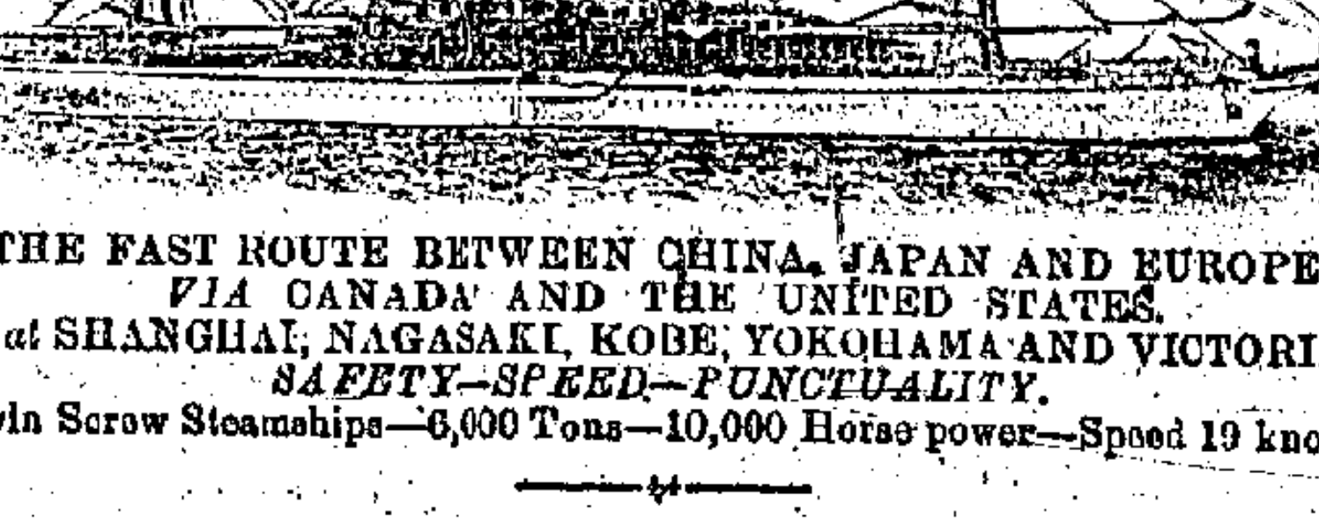

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

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EMPRESS OF JAPAN...Comdr. GEO. A. LEE, R.N.R.......WEDNESDAY, 20th July, '98.
EMPRESS OF CHINA...Comdr. R. ARCHIBALD, R.N.R....WEDNESDAY, 10th Aug. '98.
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D. E. BROWN, *General Agent,*
PEDDER STREET.

Hongkong, June 29, 1898. 1260

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.)

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Steamers.	Destinations.	Sailing Dates.
MIIKE MARU, S. KAWAMURO,	BOMBAY, *Via* SINGAPORE (Transhipping Cargo for JAVA PORTS) and COLOMBO.	TUESDAY, 12th July, at Noon.
TOSA MARU, C. HILLCOAT,	KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	WEDNESDAY, 13th July, at 4 p.m.
KAGOSHIMA MARU, J. W. EKSTRAND,	KOBE.	WEDNESDAY, 13th July, at 4 p.m.
* *RIOJUN MARU,* A. E. MOSES,	SEATTLE, Wash., U.S.A., *Via* KOBE & YOKOHAMA.	THURSDAY, 14th July, at 4 p.m.
HAKATA MARU, F. L. SOMMER,	MARSEILLES, LONDON, and ANTWERP, *Via* SINGAPORE, (Transhipping Cargo for JAVA PORTS PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID.)	TUESDAY, 19th July, at 4 p.m.
OMI MARU, O. YOUNG,	NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	MONDAY, 25th July, at 4 p.m.
YAMASHIRO MARU, J. JONES,	SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, *Via* THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE.	FRIDAY, 29th July, at 4 p.m.

* Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading issued for the Principal Cities in the United States, Canada and Europe, in connection with the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY and ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, Etc., apply at the Company's local Branch Office at No. 7, Praya Central.

A. S. MIHARA, *Manager.*

Hongkong, Juyl 11, 1898. 1305

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

***Via* Shanghai, Inland Sea of Japan, Kobe and Yokohama.**

FOR VICTORIA, B.C., & TACOMA, IN CONNECTION WITH **Northern Pacific Railway Co.**

Steamer.	*Tons*	*Captain.*	*Proposed Sailing.*
Victoria.....	3167	J. Truebridge.....	July 19
Olympia.....	2608	T. H. Dobson.....	Aug. 6
Arizona.....	5305	R. Panton, R.N.R.	Aug. 28
Tacoma.....	2649	A. Dixon..........	Sept. 17

FOR PORTLAND, OREGON, IN CONNECTION WITH **Oregon Railroad & Navigation Co.**

Steamer.	*Tons*	*Captain.*	*Proposed Sailing.*
Braemar.....	3601	E. Porter	Aug. 18
Mogul.......	3654	E. H. Butler.......	Sept. 10
Columbia....	2616	A. Gow	Oct. 1
Braemar.....	3601	E. Porter..........	Nov. 5

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Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 p.m. on the day previous to sailing.

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Hongkong, July 4, 1898. 1290

WEEKLY NEWS FOR HOME.

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NOTE.—Victoria extends from Mount Davis to Causeway Bay and up to the level of Robinson Road. If the vehicle is discharged beyond these limits half fare extra is to be allowed for the return journey. Extra bearers or drivers and extra coolie to be paid proportionate fares.

THERE were 171 European and 1,383 Chinese visitors to the City Hall Museum during the week ending 10th July.

A STEWARD named William Dorrance, of the *Clan Mackenzie*, was drowned on 1st July at Shanghai whilst bathing in the river. The river police recovered the body the following day.

THE following returns of the average amount of Bank notes in circulation and of specie in reserve in Hongkong during the month ended 30th June, 1898, as certified by the managers of the respective Banks, are published:—

Banks.	Average Amount.	Specie in Reserve.
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, ...	$2,775,838	$1,400,000
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,	$6,176,267	$3,000,000
National Bank of China, Limited,	$ 448,824	$ 150,000
Total......	$9,400,929	$4,550,000

VESSELS AT THE DOCKS:—At *Kowloon*—Isidoro Pons, Feihoo, Ning-chow, Hygeia, Loongmoon.

Cosmopolitan.—(None).

Aberdeen.—(None).

BRINSMEAD & Allison Pianos, the very best value.—Robinson Piano Co.

AT Wakayama, on June 30, a large meteor appeared, emitting a brilliant light and having a tail of a reddish-yellow colour. The meteor got behind a cloud and almost immediately afterwards there was a sound as if a cannon had exploded in the sea the vibration being so great that doors were shaken. It is supposed that a red hot mass of metal fell into the sea.

THE United Service eleven playing against the Hampshire Rovers the other day at Home made a score that is worth recording:—

Lieut. C. S. Hickley st Cumberlege b Porter	101
Capt. A. H. Luard c L. Gower b Hind	23
E. M. Sprot c L. Gower b Doyle	176
Lieut.-Col. Spens c Pinnock b Doyle	131
J. H. Thresher not out	63
b 25 lb 4 w 2	31
Total (4 wickets)	525

Innings declared closed.

Lt. J. H. Thresher was recently in Hongkong with his regiment, the 1st Batt. Rifle Brigade.

COAL shipped from Moji during June last totalled 77,744 tons, valued at 541,022 yen, the destination of the shipments being as follows:—

	tons.	yen.
Hongkong	36,740	266,430
Shanghai	18,062	118,962
Bombay	11,700	74,300
Singapore	5,100	30,000
Swatow	2,442	16,680
Wladivostock	1,200	9,600
Port Arthur	1,000	8,000
Chefoo	1,000	7,500
Fusan	300	1,950
Newchwang	200	1,600
Total	77,744	541,022

A NEW and elaborate system for Chinese telegrams has been invented by a Cantonese gentleman named Whang. In the present system, as our readers probably know, the Chinese use four figures to represent each character, and as not more than three figures are allowed by the telegraph companies to pass as one word, every Chinese character transmitted has to be charged as two words, which is naturally very costly. By the new code the 26 letters of the alphabet are introduced instead of figures and each column 26 characters. By this ingenius method A. B. C. would read, folio 1, line 2, character 3; and D. E. F. folio 2, line 5, character 6. At least that is how we understand the explanation which has been given us, and we are assured that the code if brought into force will effect a saving of two thirds the cost of all Chinese messages transmitted. It will not on the other hand affect the telegraph companies' receipts as the number of messages sent will be doubled or trebled, as is always the case when a reduction of rates takes place. We believe our late viceroy, Wang Wên-shao, warmly approved of the code, and it will probably receive Government sanction.—*P. and T. Times.*

WITH the permission given by the Imperial government to Chinese-owned steam launches to ply for passengers in the inland waters of the empire, and the consequent loss of business to sailing passenger boats in the Yangtze towns, there is naturally a good deal of exasperation felt by the boat people against the screeching interlopers whose crews are daily receiving threats of extermination for themselves and destruction for the steamers, etc., etc. The turbulent city of Yangchow has again gained that distinction by being the first to offer violence to the interlopers; a steam launch just underway for inland ports being on the 30th ult. intercepted at a bridge by a large mob of boatmen and rowdies. Before much damage was done, however, either to crew or passengers, a military force appeared on the scene and by threatening to fire upon the mob dispersed it for the time, for we may be sure this will not be the last riot on steam launches in Yangchow by any means, owing to its very large boating population. News also has been received by wire of a serious outbreak at Tsingkiangpu, on the Grand Canal, in which a steam launch which had but just arrived from Chinkiang was badly smashed and the crew and passengers hurt. The mob then demolished the newly-built jetty and ticket office, seriously hurting the inmates. Soldiers also stopped this riot, but they did not appear until the mob had wreaked their vengeance on their victims.—*N.-C. Daily News.*

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SOME people waste most of their spare time in attempting to devise a scheme whereby [illegible]

PLOT TO OVERTHROW KOREAN GOVERNMENT.

HIGH OFFICIALS IMPLICATED.

(*Special Telegram from Our Correspondent.*)

Chemulpo, July 10.

A plot to overthrow the Korean Government has been discovered, and a number of high officials implicated have been imprisoned. General Ahn has fled.

The guard at the Palace of Seoul has been largely increased. Great excitement prevails at Seoul.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

SUPPLIED TO THE 'CHINA MAIL.']

LONDON, July 8.

THE ANNEXATION OF HAWAII.

President McKinley has signed the resolution annexing Hawaii and a warship starts immediately to hoist the American flag.

THE SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR.

Firing was not resumed at Santiago de Cuba on Thursday although the truce was supposed to have ended. Both Armies have been informed that peace negotiations are proceeding at Washington and Madrid.

Lieut. Hobson and the other prisoners taken by the Spaniards at the sinking of the *Merrimac* have been exchanged and released.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Observatory:—

On the 11th at 11.55 a. The barometer has risen on the China coast and in Tongking. High pressure extends from the Pacific over the whole of the China coast, where the barometer exceeds the normal, particularly in the South. Gradients slight for SE winds. Forecast:—moderate SE and E winds; showery.

STRIKE OF LAUNDRYMEN.

CAPTAIN SUPERINTENDENT MAY TO THE RESCUE.

For the last few days there has been an entire cessation of labour amongst the great majority of the laundries in the Colony, and no satisfactory explanation has been tendered to customers of the delay in returning the clothes from the laundries. It appears that several prosecutions have taken place of late, at the instance of the Sanitary Board, against the owners of laundries allowing their fokis to sleep on the premises used as a laundry, and the sequel to these prosecutions is the present strike of laundrymen. We understand that should the laundrymen refuse to proceed with their work, that Captain Superintendent May is to make arrangements for having the laundry work of Europeans carried out at Victoria Gaol, where there is every facility for carrying out the work.

On learning of the decision to do the laundry work in the Gaol, the laundrymen in the Central District of Victoria have agreed to start work, and it is expected that the Wanchai laundries will start to-morrow.

CAPTAIN Mackenzie was engaged on June 4 in selecting Volunteers from amongst the Chinese constables at Louza for the new British Police at Weihaiwei, which, as we announced last night, is to be under Sergeant Danson. We believe Captain Mackenzie will accompany the contingent to Weihaiwei.—*Gazette.*

A NEWCHWANG dispatch to the *Daily Chinese Progress* states that General Sung Ching, the ex-Commander-in-Chief of the Liaotung Peninsula, who is now in Newchwang, has asked and obtained a month's sick leave from the Emperor, but there is great probability of the General's soon praying to be allowed to retire from active service altogether owing to his great age—he is nearly 80 years of age—and frequent liability to suffer the many diseases incident to old age, after a life three-fourths of which have been passed in military camps and the hardships of active service against domestic and foreign foes. It is uncertain, however, whether the Emperor will be disposed to grant this prayer in the present crisis of affairs. The real reason, we are inclined to believe, why General Sung Ching wishes to retire from the service is because the Russians are becoming too active for the General's comfort and he wants to get out of the worry and avoid them before any troubles arise.

THE native correspondent at Peking of the *N.-C. Daily News* sends the following two notes: It is reported that the Emperor intends to make H.E. Yü Lu a member of the Grand Council and of the Tsungli Yamên, when he arrives at the Capital from the South. The Board of Comptrollers-General of Military and Naval Affairs or *Tu-pan-chün-wu-ch'u* is at last dissolved. With the collapse of the ex-Viceroy Li's crack Huai regiments first in Corea and then in Manchuria during the late war with Japan, and upon the return to power of the late Prince Kung after several years of retirement in semi-disgrace, the Emperor instituted, at the Prince's suggestion, the above-named Board, composed of Prince Kung, Prince Ching, Wêng Tung-ho, Jung Lu, and the late Li Hung-tsao. The Board of War officials, the Admiralty, and other similar institutions had almost broken up through panic following upon the victories of the Japanese, and it was imperative to constitute a Board of Councillors to direct the other Departments of State, the organisations of which were on the point of collapse, through the heads of Departments being thrown into panic. Prince Kung grasped the situation at once, immediately assisted the Emperor in constructing this Supreme Council of War, which took over all the work and so saved the whole Empire from collapsing. With the death of the late Prince Kung, the guiding spirit has disappeared, and the Emperor in a decree on Army Reformation the other day incidentally declared that the Board of Comptrollers-General was now dissolved.

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THE WAR.

ADMIRAL CAMARA RECALLED TO SPAIN.

NEWS BY THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

As we expected from the very outset of the Philippine Relief Expedition, Admiral Camara's squadron has been recalled. This information is contained in a private telegram received in Hongkong. It is assumed that the recall order has been given in consequence of the threatened invasion of Spanish waters by an American fleet.

SPAIN WILL NOT SUE FOR PEACE.

London, June 10.—Senor Sagasta, the Premier of Spain, asserts that Spain will not take the initiative in bringing about peace with the United States. He says that he is not aware that any Power is disposed to intervene.

AMERICA AND GERMANY.

It is reported at Washington that strained relations exist between the United States and Germany, owing to the refusal on the part of the United States Government to give assurances not to occupy the Philippines.

June 11.—Germany desires that an international conference should be held to deal with the question as to the future control of the Philippines.

The belief is gaining strength that an intervention on the part of the European Powers in the war between the United States and Spain is approaching.

THE WAR REVENUE BILL.

The United States Senate and the House of Representatives have adopted the report of the Conference between the two Houses on the War Revenue Bill.

It is estimated that the new taxes will yield 175,000,000dol. a year.

RIFLES AND AMMUNITION FOR THE INSURGENTS.

June 12.—An American gunboat has landed 300,000 rounds of ammunition and 400 rifles near Santiago for the Cuban insurgents.

THE DESTRUCTION OF ADMIRAL CERVERA'S FLEET.

Commodore Sampson has notified Admiral Cerveras that in the event of the Spanish fleet being destroyed in order to avoid capture, America will claim from Spain an additional indemnity equivalent to the value of the vessels destroyed.

THE GUNBOAT 'TEMERARIO.'

It was announced recently that the United States Government had required Uruguay either to order the Spanish gunboat *Temerario* to leave her waters or dismantle her. The authorities of Uruguay have now ordered the *Temerario* to leave.

THE POPE'S MEDIATION.

London, June 13.—His Holiness the Pope has offered to invoke the intervention of the Powers with a view to a settlement of the war.

Queen Christina has replied that she is thankful for the mediation of the Pope, and will accept the offer when the moment is opportune.

THE 'WAR' LOAN.

Adelaide, June 15.—Three New York banks have offered the whole of the sum required for the American war loan, estimated to equal £80,000,000.

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE PHILIPPINES.

Measles has broken out in the camp of the American volunteers who are making preparations to go to the Philippine Islands.

THE REBEL ARTACHO.

The following appears in the *Singapore Free Press*:—From sources of information available we learn that Artacho is the man who attempted to attach the money paid by the Spanish Government to Aguinaldo as per agreement. He is a half-caste son of an Austin Friar and Ilocano mother, and is known to be a thoroughly unscrupulous person, but exceedingly clever. He managed to push himself into the rebel Committee before his antecedents were known. His position is that of an adventurer simply, and there is every reason to believe he is in the pay of the Spanish Government.

TOWING HAWSERS FOR THE 'MONTEREY.'

A San Francisco special of the 27th ult. states that the United States Government has ordered from a local cordage company three twelve-inch Manila hawsers, 1,200 feet long. These immense ropes will be used in towing the coast defence vessel *Monterey* to the Philippines.

THE U. S. NAVY.

The American liner *Paris*, after being taken over by the United States Government, was renamed *Yale*. The *St. Paul*, when made an auxiliary cruiser, was renamed the *Buffalo*.

At the time of the outbreak of the war with Spain the United States was building five battleships, one gunboat, 12 torpedo boats, and one submarine torpedo boat. The most forward of the battleships were the *Kearsage* and *Kentucky*, next the *Alabama*, *Illinois*, and the *Wisconsin*. The torpedo boat (26 knots) the *Rowan* was all but finished on April 9, also the gunboat.

EXCITEMENT AT HONOLULU.

Dr N. A. Cobb, of the Department of Agriculture, who recently left for San Francisco in the *Moana*, writes to the *Sydney Herald* from Honolulu on May 25 as follows:—'Honolulu is alive with enthusiasm for the U.S.A. I counted over 300 American flags, which were floating everywhere. In the windows were prominently displayed flag-badges with the motto 'Remember the *Maine*.' Many of the inhabitants wore these badges. The Union liner expected from San Francisco has not arrived, and there is great speculation as to her whereabouts. We were at once flooded with inquiries as to the war, as we brought the latest news from Auckland, and are ourselves nearly two weeks behind the world's news. We are leaving to the strains of patriotic American music and to cries of "Remember the *Maine*."'

THE FUTURE OF THE PHILIPPINES.

With regard to the future of the Philippines, concerning which it is proposed to hold a conference, a message published in the *New York World* says:—'Sir Charles Dilke, when asked whether any question of international law or practice affected the United States' right to retain the Philippines, said—'None whatever. The United States will hold the Philippines by the right of conquest. No Power or powers will have the slightest title to interfere. The idea of continental pressure I regard as moonshine. No Power would attempt pressure unless we were in the same boat with them, which we never shall be. Without English naval support no Power will venture upon any action in the matter.''

SPANISH GUNNERY.

In the Matanzas affair it was stated that Commodore Sampson's flagship, the *New York*, did her best work when only 3000 yards off the fort at Rubal Caya, at which distance she would seem to offer a splendid target area to the Spanish artillerymen. What the strategic value of that action may have been it is not stated, but it certainly showed that the gunners could not get the range of the advancing ships, which at that distance they ought to have hit with at least 80 per cent. of their shots, and also that the American ships and guns were handled to the very best advantage. In the Santiago attack the case for the Spanish was even worse, for the range in yesterday's cables gives it as under half a mile, instead of 3000 yards as at Rubal Caya.

TRAGIC AFFAIR AT WUCHOW.

CAPTAIN SHOOTS HIS COMPRADORE.

On Saturday, a fatal shooting affray occurred on board the small river steamer *Dosing*, at Wuchow. The details of the shooting are not very clear, but from what we can gather we understand that Captain Toulmin and the compradore of the vessel quarrelled over the possession of a chair, and Toulmin drew his revolver and fired directly at the Chinaman. Mr Woods, who happened to be on board at the time, intervened and put up his hand to take the revolver, when he was shot in the palm of the hand. It is said that this shot pierced Woods' hand, and mortally wounded the compradore. Mr Woods is then said to have left, just as another shot was fired. Information of the affair was telegraphed to Dr Bedloe, U. S. Consul at Canton, and the Consul wired instructions to have Toulmin arrested. Toulmin was arrested, and imprisoned in the Customs House.

EXECUTION OF JOAO DA MATTO OZORIO.

THE INQUEST.

This morning, Joao da Matto Ozorio, under sentence of death for the murder of F. M. X. de Jesus, was hanged in Victoria Gaol. The execution was carried out in the presence only of the Gaol officials—Hon. F. H. May, Superintendent; Chief Warder Robert Henry Craig; Dr J. C. Thomson, Medical Officer of the Gaol; and a French Priest who attended the prisoner. A warder of the Gaol performed the duty of executioner, with two other officers as assistants. The execution was carried out on the permanent scaffold in the inner courtyard. We are informed by the Superintendent of the Gaol that the execution was carried out satisfactorily, the bolt being drawn at 6.2 a.m.

Later in the day, Commander W. C. H. Hastings, Acting Police Magistrate, held an inquest into the cause of death of the prisoner, Messrs D. H. Silas, A. F. de Jesus Soares and Jas. McKie being the jurors. The jury viewed the body in the Prison mortuary. It was clothed in the blue serge suit prisoner wore throughout the trial, and round the neck was a string of beads. There was quite a peaceful expression on the face.

Robert Henry Craig said—I am chief warder, Victoria Gaol. The body just viewed is that of Joao da Matto Ozorio. He was admitted to the Gaol under sentence of death on 24th June, 1898. The sentence was duly carried out this morning at 6.2 a.m. in presence of the Superintendent, Dr Thomson, Medical Officer of the Gaol, and myself, by virtue of the Governor's warrant.

Dr J. C. Thomson said—I am Medical Officer of the Gaol. I was present at the execution of the prisoner Ozorio this morning. At 7.30 I examined the body, and found death was due to dislocation of the neck and compression of the spinal cord. Death was practically instantaneous.

The jury returned a verdict of death by hanging in accordance with the sentence of the law.

Ozorio is said to have been repentant, and received communion from the priest before his death. The body was removed and buried by the friends of the deceased.

A NATIVE dispatch from Chungking reports that the high provincial authorities of Szechuan have lately issued proclamations notifying the people that in accordance with the Treaty of Shimonoseki, the British steamer *Leechuen*, belonging to Mr Archibald Little, has received permission to steam into the inland waters of the province of Szechuan, with privilege to tow cargo junks within said waters and calling upon all local authorities wherever the *Leechuen* may be to give full and efficient protection to the little steamer, her crew, and any junks she may be towing at the moment.—*N.-C. Daily News.*

IT is reported from Peking, says the *N.-C. Daily News*, that news had been received from Chihli and Shantung provinces to the effect that bands of self-styled patriots belonging to the districts of Tungming of the first named province and Kuanhsien of the second, intend to rise in the near future for the purpose of mobbing missionaries and destroying chapels. To gain adherents circulars are being disseminated everywhere, explaining the objects of the 'patriots' and calling upon the masses to join in a universal onslaught upon their intended victims and their property. The Imperial government, however, has received intelligence of the movement and stringent orders have been recently promulgated throughout the Empire enjoining upon the local officials to give full and efficient protection to the missionaries, chapels, and converts within their jurisdiction.

IT is reported from Huangchou, Hupeh province, that at the Military Examination for the licentiate or preliminary degree, held in that city the other day, the provincial Examiner or Literary Chancellor, assisted by the Brigadier-General of the military division of Huangchou, proposed to examine the candidates in military topography and the science of map-making according to Western methods. As no notice of the intended change had been posted prior to the examinations in question, the turbulent military students deeply resented the step as unjust to them, and the consequence was that in their attempt to lay hands on the examiners in the examination hall for the purpose of seeing how much those worthies knew of the science themselves the rebellious candidates upset the examiners' official desks and easy chairs, and because the latter were too quick for them by making a speedy retreat, the unlucky desks and chairs were smashed to pieces, after which the students packed up their belongings and returned home in a body.—*N.-C. Daily News.*

DISTURBANCES ON THE WEST RIVER.

HORRIBLE DEATH OF A MAGISTRATE.

FOUR HUNDRED REBELS SLAUGHTERED.

Wuchow, 7th July, 1898.

Disturbances still continue at Pok Pak Luk Ts'ün, Pak Lau, Yung Un, and Wat Lam. Kwai Un 貴縣 is also disturbed.

NATIVE ACCOUNT OF THE MURDER OF THE PAK LAU DISTRICT MAGISTRATE.

When the rebels entered the city the district magistrate with his family hid in the cattle market. Going out to reconnoitre he encountered a rebel chief and was captured. The rebel said 'Your proclamation offered $1000 reward for my capture. I am here to claim the reward.' He then obliged the magistrate to disclose his hiding place; poured kerosene over him, and set it on fire; butchered his family, and flung their corpses in the river.

YUNG UN INVESTED.

Yung Un is besieged by rebels. An influential man named Kom Muk 甘木 (himself formerly a robber chief, but now a loyalist), and the district magistrate, are besieged in Yung Un.

Kom Muk is credited with the slaughter of four hundred rebels. Mutilated corpses have been floating past Wuchow. The Kwong Yan Shin T'ong offered a reward of seventy cents for each body taken out of the river. Thirteen have been picked up, and after attempts at identification, accorded decent sepulture. The bodies were mostly those of men about thirty years of age, and are supposed to be some of the rebels killed by Kom Muk. The rebels permit no boats to leave Yung Un now. Cargo boats, which were ascending have turned back. Trade with the disturbed districts is at a standstill.

MEASURES TAKEN FOR THE DEFENCE OF WUCHOW.

About twenty braves in three matsheds are posted on the heights, on the right bank of the Cassia River, overlooking the city. The District Magistracy is guarded by a hundred more encamped in its outer court. Each shop has contributed one man to patrol the streets by night, and keep guard by day. So much powder has been burned by the militia that the Prefect has been obliged to request that the purposeless waste cease. Having issued a proclamation re-assuring the townsfolk, the Prefect has sent his own family away for safety. In spite of the re-assuring proclamation large numbers of people are following his example, and sending their families away too. Two hundred soldiers from Kwai Lam arrived here to-day. Several tens of soldiers, said to have come from Canton to-day, were put on board the s.s. *Do Sing*, which steamed off towards T'ang-ün at half-past-four this afternoon. An armed launch followed on later.

Would not this serious interference with the trade of the West River justify a commission of enquiry into the causes of discontent in the Kwangsi province, with a view to prevent the recurrence of disorder by insisting, if necessary, upon an equitable settlement of all just grievances?

PIRACY ON THE WEST RIVER.

Pirates attacked a passage boat towed by a launch owned by the Ping On Kung Sz, on Monday last, near the Cockscomb rocks.

Another piracy occurred on the river last Wednesday. Such, at least, are reports circulating here now.

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THE soldiers of the local militia of Whangju have organized a Mutual Loving Society, says a Korean native journal. They are so powerful that, however disorderly they may behave themselves on the streets, nobody dares say anything against them. The young men of influential families of the place enlist themselves in the militia as means of protection, hence the price of a soldier's position has gone up to $40.

IT may be remembered that about a year ago there was some commotion made by our contemporary about the alleged denial to a British subject in China of his rights. The Governor was petitioned, and the Colonial Secretary threatened with all sorts of pains and penalties if he did not protect the poor down-trodden subject of Great Britain. In the last *Government Gazette* the reply to the petition is published. Some of the statements in the petition are described as extremely incorrect. So far as residence in Singapore is concerned, the Government is advised that at the age of five years he returned to China, where he married and had a son, now seventeen years of age. The petitioner traded in China as a Chinese subject, held landed property in the interior, he abstained from registering himself in China until a judgment had been obtained against him when he absconded, and after concealing the above facts applied for and obtained a British passport. In conclusion:—Her Majesty's Government cannot allow persons of Chinese race born in this Colony to enjoy the benefits of a double nationality, that is to say, it cannot permit them after acting as the petitioner has done as if they were subjects of the Emperor of China by residing and owning property in the interior forbidden to British subjects, afterwards to deny Chinese nationality and obtain as British subjects that full protection and countenance which can be accorded only to those who have consistently from their birth conducted themselves and been registered as British subjects.—*Singapore Free Press.*

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NEWS BY THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

LEASING OF PORT ARTHUR AND TALIENWAN.

London, June 11.—The newspapers have published the text of the treaty concluded between Russia and China with regard to the leasing of Port Arthur and Talienwan to Russia for a period of 25 years, with the right on the part of Russia to renew the treaty at the expiration of that time for an indefinite period.

The treaty states that Port Arthur is regarded as exclusively for the use of Russian and Chinese warships, and is intended to be closed against the warships and merchantmen of foreign nations. The port of Talienwan is to be exclusively reserved for Russian and Chinese warships.

Mr G. N. Curzon, Parliamentary Secretary to the Foreign Office, states that the documents setting forth the text of the treaty have not reached Lord Salisbury; but their contents as published by the newspapers are deemed to explain the remarks he (Mr Curzon) made in the House of Commons on Thursday last, because they overrule the Tientsin Treaty.

[Referring to the occupation of Port Arthur and Talienwan by Russia, Mr G. N. Curzon stated in the House of Commons on Thursday that British warships would continue to exercise the treaty right of access to all Chinese ports.]

JAPANESE RAILWAY IN COREA.

Russia has declined to permit the construction of a railway by Japan from Chemulpo to Seoul, the capital of Corea, owing to the fact that British capital is invested in the undertaking.

FOREIGN POLICY OF GREAT BRITAIN.

London, June 11.—A debate took place in the House of Commons last night, chiefly directed against the speech delivered at Birmingham by Mr Chamberlain on May 13, in which he said that Great Britain in following a policy of strict isolation was liable to be confronted at any moment by a combination of the Great Powers, that unless Britain allied herself with a military Power she would be unable to seriously injure Russia, and that it was our duty to maintain the bonds of permanent unity with our kinsmen in the United States.

Mr H. H. Asquith, who was Secretary of State for the Home Department in the last Liberal Administration, denounced the speech as fatuous and dangerous, considering that Great Britain and Russia were the dominating forces in Asia. It was, he said, of the highest importance to cease regarding Russia as a perpetual menacing antagonist, and it was demeaning Great Britain for Mr Chamberlain to tout for an alliance in the highways and byways of Europe.

Sir William Harcourt, leader of the Liberal party, demanded to know whether Mr Chamberlain or Lord Salisbury was the true exponent of the foreign policy of the Government.

Mr Chamberlain, in reply, denied that there was a division in the Cabinet. Had he differed from the Premier he would have resigned. He adhered to the statements he made in his speech at Birmingham. Great Britain, he said, had sought an alliance with Russia, and, having failed, it would be absurd to enter into fresh negotiations with that object. Mr Chamberlain considered it was impossible to enforce the policy of the 'open door' with China and at the same time preserve her against the inroads of great military Powers so long as England remained isolated. He advocated the bringing about of closer relations among the Anglo-Saxon races. In the course of his speech Mr Chamberlain taunted Sir William Harcourt with the statement that the present Cabinet was unlike its predecessor, in which the Premier had not been on speaking terms with a leading colleague.

THE REVOLT IN TURKESTAN.

SECRET UNDERSTANDING WITH TURKEY.

Reports which have reached St. Petersburg from Central Asia state that the revolt of Turcomans at Ferghana in Russian Turkestan, was the result of a secret understanding with the Turkish authorities in Constantinople.

The chief towns of the province are declared to be in a state of siege. One hundred Turcomans have been arrested.

[A thousand Turcomans, incited by a religious fanatic, surprised 300 Russian soldiers at Ferghana, in Russian Turkestan. Twenty-two of the Russians were killed, but the Turcomans were afterwards repulsed by the Russians, and the leaders of the revolt were captured. The Czar had dismissed the Russian Military Governor of the province of Ferghana.]

THE BRITISH NAVY.—A LARGE INCREASE URGED.

June 13.—Lord Charles Beresford, M.P., urges the expenditure of £33,000,000 by the British Government in the strengthening of the navy by the construction of 21 battleships, 24 cruisers, and 80 torpedo-boat destroyers.

THE SIERRA LEONE RISING.

It is estimated that 1000 natives were killed in the late rising in Sierra Leone, West Africa.

THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF CANADA.

It is expected that Field-Marshal Lord Wolseley, Commander-in-Chief of the British Army, will, owing to bad health, accept the position of Governor-General of Canada, on the retirement of the Earl of Aberdeen in October next.

THE COLLIERS' STRIKE IN SOUTH WALES.

Lawlessness is increasing in South Wales in connection with the colliers' strike.

Attempts are being made by the strikers to intimidate the working miners.

Several policemen have been injured.

In consequence of the serious aspect of affairs 500 infantry and a contingent of cavalry have been sent to the disturbed districts.

CANADIAN SEALING CLAIMS.

June 12.—Dr A. Rivier, the Swiss Consul at Brussels, has been appointed arbitrator of the question of the Canadian sealing claims against Russia.

THE NICARAGUA CANAL.

The Nicaragua Canal Company has transferred to the United States 700,000 shares on condition that the American Government guarantees a bond issue of 100,000,000 dollars.

AUSTRIA AND HUNGARY.

It is reported from Vienna that the Austrian Delegation, in drawing up the draft Ausgleich, or arrangement for directing the joint expenditure of Austria and Hungary, has fixed Hungary's share of the common expenses on the basis of 31⅔ per cent. of its taxation.

[In May, 1897, after several months spent in negotiations between the Austrian Delegation and the Hungarian Delegation concerning the Ausgleich, it was found impossible to arrive at any satisfactory understanding, and the deputations separated. The representatives of Hungary urged that their share of the common expenses should be based on the revenue derived from taxation in each half of the monarchy; whereas the Austrian delegates argued that the basis should be the number of the population. The former contributions of Austria and Hungary were [illegible] per cent. and [illegible] per cent. respectively, and it was sought to raise Hungary's share to [illegible] per cent., or at least [illegible] per cent., whereas Hungary declined to pay more than [illegible] per cent.]

MONSTER TRADE COMBINATION.

An enormous combination of the leading thread manufacturers of America and England is being arranged. The combination it is expected, will also extend to the thread manufacturers of Belgium and Germany.

CENTENARY OF THE MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

A banquet was held last night to celebrate the centenary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Four thousand Masons were present.

A sum of £134,000 has been subscribed towards the funds of the institution.

MR HOOLEY.

June 10.—Mr Ernest Hooley, the financier who recently filed a petition in bankruptcy, estimates that his estates will show a surplus of £400,000.

June 12.—The 'St. James's Gazette' states that Mr Ernest Hooley, the financier, who has filed a petition in bankruptcy, has paid nearly £1,000,000 to leeches and blackmailers. The journal hopes to expose the machinations of these persons.

June 13.—Mr Ernest Hooley has received thousands of letters of sympathy, as well as large offers of assistance.

Many of the blackmailers are returning the contracts secured by them, as well as their cheques, and are appealing for silence.

THE EMPEROR OF GERMANY.

June 10.—Political importance is attached to the Emperor of Germany's approaching visit to Palestine.

THE ORANGE FREE STATE AND THE TRANSVAAL.

The Volksraad of the Orange Free State has rejected the proposal of the Transvaal for a reciprocal franchise.

THE GOVERNORSHIP OF TASMANIA.

It is reported that Sir William Macgregor, Governor of New Guinea, will succeed Viscount Gormanston as Governor of Tasmania.

THE NIGER QUESTION.

June 13.—The convention between Great Britain and France with regard to the Niger is ready for signature. By its terms France receives a stretch of Niger territory between Say and Ilo, and retains Nikki.

Great Britain has been allotted Boussa and Borgu.

Two isolated settlements below the rapids are to be leased to France as commercial depots for the Dahomey trade.

British supremacy from Ilo to the mouth of the Niger is acknowledged.

The hinterland of the Gold Coast extends as far as the eleventh parallel. Bona is allotted to France, Britain receiving a zone of 60 miles in Northern Sokoto.

It has been arranged that neither Great Britain nor France shall accord preferential treatment to the home products of the respective nations.

The *Times* says that the settlement is an apparently reasonable one, since Britain has slept on her rights.

The *Standard* expresses satisfaction with the arrangement, but is not enthusiastic over it.

The *Daily Chronicle* denounces the settlement as a surrender of British rights.

THE FIXING OF A FOOD STANDARD.

June 10.—The attention of the Local Government Board having been drawn to the proposed alteration in the law relating to salt food and drugs, the Board has declared that the Act does not permit the fixing of a standard of quality for these articles.

PANIC IN A CIRCUS—A TIGER ATTACKS HIS KEEPER.

Adelaide, June 12.—A sensational incident occurred in connection with a portion of Harmston's Circus, performing at Gawler South on Saturday afternoon. The concluding act of the tiger performance had been reached when the animal was put through jumping feats by his trainer, John Isaacs. Before the performance was completed the tiger sprang on his keeper, seizing him by the side of the neck, and lifted him over the hurdle and deposited him on the floor of the cage, growling savagely. Meanwhile the attendant diverted the tiger's attention, and Isaacs edged slowly out of the door of the cage. A panic took place, the spectators rushing out and screaming. Isaacs bled considerably, and when he reached the doctor he was almost pulseless. Fortunately the main arteries of the neck were missed. The victim is slightly better, though he is still critical. Complaint was made that no hot irons were at hand with which to attack the animal. The management proposed to go through the performance on Saturday night with another man, but were told by a constable that if the animal showed any sign of attack he would shoot it. The item was therefore omitted.

GLADSTONE LEAGUE.

Adelaide, June 13.—British Liberals are busy forming what is called a Gladstone League, on the lines of the Primrose League, which was formed in memory of the late Early Beaconsfield.

BEHRING SEA AWARD.

The United States has voted the money required for the immediate settlement of the Behring sea award.

RUSSIAN ACTIVITY IN CHINA.

Telegrams received in England from China advise that Russia is becoming extraordinarily active in China. The British Chambers of Commerce are urging Lord Salisbury to take instant measures to protect British trading interests in China. In reply the Premier promised to see that the rights conferred by the treaty of Tientsin are properly respected.

DISASTER AT THE LAUNCH OF THE 'ALBION.'

June 23.—The total loss of life at the launching of the *Albion* has not been ascertained, but thirty-five bodies have been recovered. Twenty-five persons were revived by means of artificial respiration. Owing to the jubilation at the launching of the *Albion*, and the ships whistling and sounding their sirens, the screams of the people were altogether unheard, only those in the immediate vicinity being aware of the disaster. The accident has aroused much sympathy. Much bravery was displayed, and many stories are told of individual actions. One gallant sailor alone succeeded in rescuing six persons.

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Temperature	80	85	84
Humidity	78	71	76
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LARGE GODOWN on Kowloon Praya, suitable for the Storage of Merchandize or Coal.

Apply to

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Hongkong, May 31, 1898. 774

Insurances.

THE NORWICH UNION FIRE INSURANCE SOCIETY.

FOUNDED 1797.

Amount Insured	£330,000,000
Losses Paid	12,350,000
Premium Income	872,000

Undersigned Agents of the above Company are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS Against FIRE at Current Rates.

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.

Hongkong, July 1, 1898. 1276

UNION ASSURANCE SOCIETY.

(Instituted in the Reign of Queen Anne A.D. 1714).

Capital Fully Subscribed, £450,000.
Capital Paid Up, £180,000.
Total Invested Funds Exceed £3 147,574.
Total Annual Income, £902 286

THE Undersigned, having been appointed Agents of the above Society in Hongkong, are prepared to issue Policies against FIRE on the usual terms.

HARRY WICKING & Co.,
Praya Central.

1142

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Total Funds at 31st December, 1897, £13,158,989

Authorised Capital	£3,000,000.0.0
Subscribed Capital	£2,750,000.0.0
Paid-up Capital	£ 687,500.0.0
Fire Funds	£2,601,016.2.9

HAVING been appointed Agents of the above Company we are prepared to Accept European and Chinese RISKS at Current Rates.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, June 22 1898. 1547

To-day's Advertisements

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND at the Rate of Four Per Cent. for the Six Months ending 30th June, 1898, will be PAYABLE on the 25th July Next, on which date Dividend WARRANTS may be obtained on application at the Company's Office, No. 5, Queen's Road Central.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 23rd to the 25th Instant, inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, July 11, 1898. 1331

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM KOBE.

THE Steamship *Vindobona*, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Office of the Undersigned before Noon, on the 16th July, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 16th July will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

SANDER, WIELER & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, July 10, 1898 1329

FROM HAMBURG, ANTWERP, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Arabia*, Captain Dempwolf, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 4 p.m. To-day.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ld., and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 18th July will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 18th July, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

SIEMSSEN & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, July 11, 1898. [illegible]

To-day's Advertisements.

NOTICE.

THE following dutiable Parcels were so Damaged in the Wreck of the P. & O. S.S. *CHINA* as to render the Contents Worthless. In most Cases the Parcels have been abandoned by the Addressees; and the Senders are requested to inform the Postmaster General, Hongkong, as to the manner in which they wish the Parcels to be disposed of.

Address.	*Contents.*
N. Holmes, ... 6b, Paget Terrace, Plumstead	Cigars.
Miss Hughes, ... East Terrace, Lydd Dungeness.	Tea.
Dr. Burst, ... 1, Clifton Terrace, Edinburgh.	Cigars.
D. Boyd, ... 59, St. Vincent Street, Glasgow (2).	"
J. McCullum, ... Benbaren, Pollokshields (2).	Cigars.
L. N. Roffe, ... 9, Westminster Chambers, S.W.	"
R. W. Roylance, ... Royal Exchange, E.C.	"
A. D. Geddes, ... R. E. Office, Belfast.	"

A. M. THOMSON,
Postmaster General.

General Post Office,
Hongkong, 8th July, 1898. 1333

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THE only successful HAND POWER DRILL in existence.

For Catalogues and Price Lists,

Apply to

KINGHORN & MACDONALD,
Praya Central, Hongkong,
Sole Agents in the East.

Hongkong, July 11, 1898. 1330

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

On Account and Risk of the Concerned.

ON

FRIDAY,

15th July, 1898, at Noon, on board the British Ship

'CROWN OF GERMANY.'

Now moored in Yau Ma Tee Bay.

About 9,000 feet Hardwood Boards, 1in. thick by 12 in. wide, suitable for floorings, lengths 16 to 18 feet.

And

35 Galvanized Iron Tanks 100 Gallons each, and one Iron Tank 400 Gallons.

A Steam Launch will leave New Peddars Wharf at 11.45 a.m. to convey intending purchaser.

Terms as usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH.
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, July 11, 1898. 1336

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, SOURABAYA AND SAMARANG.

The Co.'s Steamship *Fausang*, Capt. Moncur, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 16th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Manager.

Hongkong, July 11, 1898. 1332

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY, AND MELBOURNE.

The Co.'s Steamship *Changsha*, Capt. Williams, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 23rd Inst., at 3 p.m.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. First-class Saloon is situated forward of the Engines. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire voyage. A duly-qualified Surgeon is carried, and the Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

N.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Company to and from Australia are available for Return by the Steamers of the Eastern and Australian S. S. Co., and *vice versa.*

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, July 11, 1898. 1334

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP *ARGYLL*, FROM PORTLAND, OR., YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, July 11, 1898. 1335

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

Avala, British steamer, Captain George Kilgour.—Captain.

Martin Woodside, British barque, Capt. Russell.—Order.

State of Maine, American ship, Capt. H. G. Curtis.—Standard Oil Co.

WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)

WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, can now be had at this Office.—Price, $1 each.

China Mail Office.

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination.	*Vessels.*	*Agents.*	*Date of Leaving.*
Australian Ports........	Yamashiro Maru (s)..	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	July 20, at 4 p.m.
Bremen & Ports of Cal	Bayern (s)............	Norddeutscher Lloyd.	July 20, at 9 a.m.
Foochow	Changsha (s)...........	Butterfield & Swire..	July 15, at noon.
Havre and Hamburg..	Irene (s)...............	Carlowitz & Co.........	July 18.
Kobe and Yokohama.	Tosa Maru (s).........	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	July 13, at 4 p.m.
London & Ports of Cal	Ballaarat (s)...........	P. & O. S. N. Co......	July 23, at noon.
London, v. S'pore, &c.	Moyune (s)............	Holliday, Wise & Co..	About July 15.
London.................	Bingloe (s)............	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	About July 19.
London	Shanghai (s)..........	P. & O. S. N. Co......	About July 23.
London.................	Mazagon (s)...........	P. & O. S. N. Co......	About July 29.
Marseilles v. Saigon...	Caledonien (s)	Messageries Maritimes	July 16, at noon.
Marseilles & London..	Hakata Maru (s)......	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	July 19, at 4 p.m.
Nagasaki................	Kagoshima Maru (s).	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	July 18, at 4 p.m.
Na'ki, Kobe & Y'hama	Omi Maru (s)..........	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	July 25, at 4 p.m.
Nag'saki, Kobe & Y'ma	Rosetta (s)............	P. & O. S. N. Co......	July 23, at 6 p.m.
NewYork, v. SuezCanal	Craigearn (s)..........	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	About July 20.
NewYork, v. SuezCanal	Pathan (s)	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	About July 15.
New York...............	Baumohr (s)...........	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	About July 25.
Portland, Oregon	Braemar (s)...........	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	Aug. 13, at noon.
Sandakan and Kudat..	Deucalion (s)	Butterfield & Swire...	July 12, at noon.
S. Francisco, v. Japan	Belgic (s)	O. & O. S. S. Co......	July 26, at noon.
S. Francisco, v. Japan	Glenfarg (s)	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	July 16, daylight.
San Francisco..........	Hawthornbank	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Quick despatch.
Seattle, Washington ..	Riojun Maru (s).......	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	July 14, at 4 pm.
Shanghai and Kobe....	Maria Valerie (s)......	Sander, Wieler & Co..	July 10, forenoon.
Shanghai	Parramatta (s).........	P. & O. S. N. Co......	About July 23.
S'hai, N'ki, K'be & Y'ma	Ernest Simons (s).....	Messageries Maritimes	About July 16.
S'hai, N'ki, K'be & Y'ma	Borneo (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co......	About July 21.
S'pore, Col'bo & B'bay	Miike Maru (s)........	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	July 12, at noon.
S'pore, P'nang & B'bay	Bormida (s)...........	Carlowitz & Co.........	July 12, at noon.
S'pore, Penang & C'tta	Suisang (s)	Jardine, Matheson & Co	July 12 at noon.
S'pore, H're & H'burg	Santa (s)..............	Siemssen & Co..........	July 12, at 4 p.m.
S'pore, S'baya & S'rang	Fausang (s)...........	Jardine, Matheson & Co	July 16, at noon.
S'tow, Amoy & F'chow	Haitan (s).............	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	July 12, at 10 a.m.
Tacoma (Wash.), &c...	Victoria (s)............	Dodwell, Carlill & Co	July 19, at noon
Tientsin	Kweiyang (s)..........	Butterfield & Swire...	July 12, at noon.
Vancouver (B.C.)	Empress of Japan (s).	Canadian P'fic R. Co	July 20 at noon.
Wladivostock, v. N'ki	Daphne (s)............	Siemssen & Co..........	July 13, at 5 p.m.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

July 9.

Vale of Doon, British barque, 668, Petersen, Callao April 18, Ballast.—Sander, Wieler & Co.

July 10.

Activ, Norwegian steamer, 367, C. M. Andersen, Hongay July 7, Coal.—Order.

Vindobona, Austrian steamer, 2,689, C. Bellen, Yokohama June 23, General.—Sander, Wieler & Co.

Ask, Danish steamer, 692, H. Hygom, Haiphong July 8, Rice.—A. R. Marty.

Tritos, German str., 1,033, W. A. Dinse, Saigon July 6, Rice.—Siemssen & Co.

Mathilde, German str., 600, F. Hansen, Haiphong July 6, General.—Jebsen & Co.

Clara, German str., 675, Jürgen Bruhn, Aparri July 7, Tobacco.—Jebsen & Co.

Hailan, French steamer, 377, W. Bast, Pakhoi and Hoihow July 9, General.—A. R. Marty.

Kalgan, British str, 1,168, R. Bennet, Tientsin July 2, Nuts and Oil.—Butterfield & Swire.

Haitan, British steamer, 1,183, T. Hall, Foochow July 7, Amoy 8, and Swatow 9, General.—Douglas Steamship Co.

Changsha, British steamer, 1,483 J. E. Williams, Sydney June 14, at 4.30 p.m., and Port Darwin 30, General.—Butterfield & Swire.

Arabia, German steamer, 3,305, Chr. Dempwolf, Hamburg May 21, and Singapore July 5, General.—Siemssen & Co.

Sabine Rickmers, German steamer, 698, Nasbet, Foochow July 8, Ballast.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

Nanchang, British steamer, 1,060, Finlayson, Iloilo July 7, Sugar.—Butterfield & Swire.

Kweiyang, British str., from Canton.

July 11.

Peiyang, German str., from Canton.

Miike Maru, Japanese str., 2,060, S. Kawamuro, Moji July 5, General.—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

Kwongsang, British steamer, 994, W. S. Stalker, Amoy July 9, Ballast.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Unity, Norwegian steamer, 930, Harsen, Saigon July 6, Rice.—Master.

Wingsang, British steamer, 1,617, T. H. Sellar, Shanghai July 6, and Swatow 10, General.—Jardine Matheson & Co.

Riojun Maru, Japanese str., 2,97[illegible], A. E. Moss, Moji July 6, General.—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

Priam, British steamer, 1,753, C. Jackson, Shanghai July 8, General.—Butterfield & Swire.

Mesfoo, Chinese steamer, 1,338, Frigest, Shanghai July 7, General.—C. M. S. N. Co.

Argyll, British steamer, 1,886, Wm. Ward, Portland (O.) June 12, Flour.—Dodwell, Carlill & Co.

DEPARTURES.

July 10.

Rohilla, for Yokohama.
Kolgan, for Canton.
Triumph, for Hoihow.
Benvenue, for Hongay.
Chow Fa, for Hoihow.
Rio, for Saigon.
Siegfried, for Kobe.

July 11.

Wan Tai, Chinese gunboat, for Hoihow.
Kwongsang, for Iloilo.

CLEARED.

Mathilde, for Haiphong.
Kweiyang, for Weihaiwei.
Hailan, for Haiphong.
Oslo, for Bangkok.
Hansa, for Saigon.
Kwanon Maru, for Yokohama.
Ross, for Victoria.
Tsinsang, for Cebu.
Wanghoi, for Swatow.
Unity, for Kobe.
Richard Rickmers, for Singapore.
Etha Rickmers, for Singapore.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Vale of Doon*, from Callao, 35 Chinese.

Per *Vindobona*, from Yokohama, Mr and Mrs Foster.

Per *Ask*, from Haiphong, 35 Chinese.

Per *Tritos*, from Saigon, 65 Chinese.

Per *Mathilde*, from Haiphong, 88 Chinese.

Per *Hailan*, from Pakhoi, &c., Mr Johnson, and 80 Chinese.

Per *Haitan*, from Coast Ports, Mr A. K. Rhodin, and 179 Chinese.

Per *Changsha*, from Sydney, &c., Mr and Mrs Sidebotham, and Mr F. Hazell.

Per *Arabia*, from Singapore, 230 Chinese.

Per *Miike Maru*, from Moji, 1 Japanese and 1 Indian.

Per *Wingsang*, from Shanghai, &c., 56 Chinese.

Per *Riojun Maru*, from Moji, 14 Chinese and 1 Japanese.

Per *Mesfoo*, from Shanghai, Mr Phillips, and 18 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per *Rohilla*, from Hongkong: for Kobe, Mr J. Mulloy; for Yokohama, Mr L. Berindoaque, Surg.-Capt. J. J. C. Watson, Mr and Mrs Westgarth Thomson, and Sergt. Cronin. From London: for Nagasaki, Mr H. N. Peterson and child.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Vale of Doon* reports: July 7th, spoke a British ship, from Philadelphia, bound for Japan, 97 days out, lat. 18 26 N., long. 117.50 E.

The British steamer *Kalgan* reports: Fresh S.W. monsoon, fine weather.

The British steamer *Haitan* reports: From Foochow to Amoy, moderate S'ly to S.W'ly breeze and sea, fine and clear; from Amoy to Swatow, moderate to fresh Southerly to S.S.W'ly breeze and considerable sea, fine and clear; from Swatow to Hongkong, moderate S.W. to S'ly breeze and moderate sea, cloudy and clear. In Foochow: H.M.S. *Linnet*, French cruiser *Jean Bart*, and German steamer *Sabine Rickmers*. Steamers in Amoy: *Thonan* and *Glenfalloch*. Str. in Swatow: *Chunhan*.

The British steamer *Changsha* reports: Experienced moderate to fresh N'ly winds, moderate sea and fine cloudy weather to Cape Moreton; thence moderate to light variable winds, smooth sea and fine weather to arrival at Bowen, on the 19th, left again on the 20th, at noon, and experienced light S.E. winds, smooth sea and fine weather to Townsville, on the same day, at 10 p.m.; left again on the 22nd, at 5 30 a.m.; thence moderate S.E'ly winds, smooth sea and fine weather to Thursday Island, on the 26th, at noon; left again on 26th, at 6 a.m.; thence moderate S.E. to light variable winds, smooth sea and fine weather to Port Darwin, on the 29th at 9 a.m.; left again 30th, at 7 a.m.; thence moderate E.S.E. winds to light variable winds, smooth sea and fine weather to equator, which was crossed 3rd July, at 1 p.m.; thence light to moderate variable winds, squally and rainy weather; passed Cabra on the 7th, at 10 am., similar weather followed till the evening of the 8th; thence light to moderate S S W. winds, smooth sea and fine weather to arrival in Junk Bay, at anchorage at 7.30 p.m., on the 9th, and left at 6 a.m., arriving at Company's Buoy, at 7 a.m., on the 10th.

The German steamer *Arabia* reports: Fine weather all the way.

The British steamer *Wingsang* reports: Heavy S.S W. wind thoughout.

The British steamer *Argyll* reports: Light to strong W'ly winds and moderate sea, more or less foggy the whole passage to Yokohama.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For SWATOW & BANGKOK.— Per *Wanghoi*, at 9.30 a.m., on Tuesday, the 12th July.

For SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.— Per *Haitan*, at 9 30 a.m., on Tuesday, the 12th July.

For SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA.— Per *Suisang*, at 11.30 a.m., on Tuesday, the 12th July.

For TIENTSIN.— Per *Kweiyang*, at 11.30 a.m., on Tuesday, the 12th July.

For SANDAKAN.— Per *Deucalion*, at 11.30 a.m., on Tuesday, the 12th July.

For STRAITS, COLOMBO & BOMBAY. Per *Vindobona*, at 11.30 a.m., on Tuesday, the 12th July.

For SINGAPORE, PENANG & BOMBAY.— Per *Bormida*, at noon, on Tuesday, the 12th July.

For SAIGON.— Per *Mongkut*, at 3.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 12th July.

For SHANGHAI.— Per *Peiyang*, at 3.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 12th July.

For NAGASAKI & VLADIVOSTOCK. Per *Daphne*, at 4.30 p.m., on Wednesday, the 13th July.

For FOOCHOW.— Per *Changsha*, at 11.30 a.m., on Friday, the 15th July.

For AMOY, SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU & SAN FRANCISCO.— Per *Glenfarg*, Registration, at 4 p.m., Letters, at 5 p.m., on Friday, the 15th July.

For SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, VICTORIA & TACOMA.— Per *Victoria*, at 11.30 a.m., on Tuesday, the 19th July.

For EUROPE, &c.— Per *Bayern*, Registration, at 1.30 p.m., Letters, at 3 p.m., on Wednesday, the 20th July.

Quotations.

Hongkong, July 11, 1898.

OPIUM—New Patna, [illegible]

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MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

10 a.m.—*Haitan* leaves for Coast Ports.
Noon.—*Kweiyang* leaves for Tientsin.
Noon.—*Deucalion* leaves for Sandakan.
Noon.—*Bormida* leaves for Bombay.
Noon.—*Miike Maru* leaves for Bombay.
Noon.—*Suisang* leaves for Straits and Calcutta.
4 p.m.—*Santa* leaves for H'burg, &c.

Miscellaneous.

Goods per *Melbourne* unclaimed after this date at Noon subject to rent.

General Memoranda.

Wednesday, July 13:—

Goods per *Coromandel* not cleared after 4 p.m. subject to rent.

Goods per *Japan* not cleared after 4 p.m. subject to rent.

Saturday, July 16:—

Noon.—Meeting of Members of the H. G. Brown & Co., L'd., at the Company's Offices No. 27, Queen's Road Central.

Transfer Books of The United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Ltd., from this date to the 19th instant, inclusive.

Goods per *Vindobona* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

Monday, July 18:—

Goods per *Arabia* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

Tuesday, July 19:—

3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the United Asbestos Oriental Agency, L'd., in the Hongkong Hotel.

Saturday, July 23:—

Transfer Books of The Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., closed from this date to the 25th July, inclusive.

Monday, July 25:—

Interim Dividend of 4 % on Share of Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., Payable.

Exchange

Hongkong, July 11, 1898.

On London—	
Bank, Wire, ...	1/11
" On demand, ...	1/11⅛
" 30 days' sight, ...	1/11¼
" 4 months' sight, ...	1/11⅜
Credits, 4 "	1/11½
Documentary, 4 months' sight,	1/11½
On Paris—	
On demand, ...	2.42
Credits, 4 months' sight, ...	2.46
On Berlin—Demand, ...	1.95½
On New York—	
On demand, ...	46⅞
Credits, 60 days' sight, ...	47⅞
On Bombay—	
Wire, ...	146
On demand, ...	146½
On Calcutta—	
Wire, ...	146
On demand, ...	146½
On Singapore—	
On demand, ...	par.
On Manila—	
On demand, ...	nom.
On Shanghai—	
On demand, ...	74½
30 days' sight, (private paper)	75½
On Yokohama—	
On demand, ...	5½% pm.
Gold Leaf, 100 fine, (per tael)...	$54.50
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	$10.28
Silver (per oz.)	27⅛d.

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THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

Hongkong, [illegible] [illegible]

DEATH.

At the General Hospital, Singapore, on the 4th July, C. W. Hind, P. & O. pilot. Aged 39.

The publication of this issue commenced at 5.45 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, JULY 11, 1898.

Some days ago, we made inquiries into certain rumours which were in circulation concerning a proposed, or threatened, strike among the Laundrymen of the Colony. The result of our inquiries was that, although several washermen had been fined for breach of Sanitary regulations, there was no immediate prospect of a strike. The news, this morning, points to the fact that the heads of the Dhobies' Guild have succeeded in misleading the members into a strike,—although apparently no notice has been given to their European customers. Bills for the previous batches of clothes have, we understand, been quietly sent in—and perhaps as quietly paid—while the current week's washing has been removed with the apparent knowledge that these clothes are not to be washed until the Guild succeeds in bringing pressure to bear on the Government. This Dhobies' Guild is one of the most troublesome of all. By acts of wilful and lawless destruction, it ruined the Steam Laundry project of fifteen years ago. By a combined defiance of the Sanitary Board, it boycotted the excellent wash-house built in Wanchai Valley for many years, and practically even up till now. This combination is, in our opinion, one of the most pestilential of all the trading combinations peculiar to our social life, because it is naturally in league with all the domestic servants in the Colony, who obtain their squeeze regularly from the dhoby. Had the Government, through the Police, exerted even an ordinary amount of firmness during the time when the Steam Laundry Company was deliberately killed, the Guild would then have been shaken to its foundations. But the Government did what it does too often, let it slide; and the Dhobies' Guild has been triumphing ever since. We believe we now possess an official in the Captain Superintendent of Police (Hon. F. H. May), who not only knows how to deal with these people, but who has the power and the desire to do so. The leading men of the Guild should at once be deported, and the members should be compelled to obey every rule of the Sanitary Board which affects the cleanliness, the health, and (in Plague times) the lives of the community. Let us fancy for a moment the result of giving way in municipal affairs like clothes-washing, at a time when we contemplate taking over two hundred square miles of adjoining territory, with something like twice the population of Hongkong! The thing is perfectly ridiculous, but we get so accustomed to that, and, folding our official hands, we call it 'the freedom of the subject.' It strikes us that of late the native subject has been having it pretty much all his own way. And now is the time for the Executive to set down its foot firmly, and point out clearly, and with no uncertain voice, that this native notion of striking work, by way of protest *against the law*, is an offence which deserves and incurs the most serious penalties.

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All things come to him who waits, but lots of things slide by while he is looking the other way.

The German Consul at Seoul has applied to the Korean Government for permission to work mines in Kang-wen-do. The application was refused on the ground that the mines belonged to the Imperial House. The German Consul has filed a protest against the refusal.

There are many in Hongkong and Singapore who will hear, with deep regret, news of the death of Lieutenant and Commander Beauchamp St. J. Bellairs, who was recently in the *Centurion* in Capt. Login's commission. This fine young naval officer had obtained distinction for good service on the West African coast.—*Singapore Free Press.*

The beer-brewing industry in Japan has developed remarkably of late years and still continues to grow. Not only, says the *Asahi*, is the home demand being supplied by the beer brewed in Japan, but a considerable quantity is being exported to Shanghai and Hongkong. The total production of beer in Japan at present is about 80,000 *koku* (800,000 gallons). Of this total the Asahi and Ebisu beers represent more than one-half.

The Grand Duke Kirill of Russia is expected to arrive at Yokohama on the 7th July. He will proceed to Tokyo immediately and take up his quarters in the Enryokwan Palace. After an audience with the Emperor and Empress, the latter will visit the Grand Duke in the Enryokwan Palace. The Russian prince will be presented with decorations during his stay in Tokyo.

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Homeward Bound:—*Manila, Wally, Teucer*, June 3; *Menelaus, Lennox, Monmouthshire*, 7; *Formosa*, 18; *Antenor*, 21; *Preussen*, 24; *Canton, Thekla*, 28; *Laos*, July 1; *Candia*, 5.

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Outward:—May 30—Brit. ship *Old Kensington*, Capt. Tucker, for Hongkong, from Penorth March 6; May 30—Germ. brig *Richard Rickmers*, Capt. Bencho, for Hongkong, from Cardiff Feb. 22; June 2—British ship *Cambrian Hills*, Capt. Evans, for Shanghai, from New York Feb. 17; June 2—Dutch steamer *Lombok*, Capt. Evans, for Batavia, from Amsterdam April 23; June 5—German brig *Preia*, Capt. Nodop, for Singapore, from Port Elizabeth May 1.

Homeward:—June 1—Dutch steamer *Prinses Amalia*, Capt. Turfboir, from Batavia June 1, for Amsterdam.

Mails.

The C. P. R. Co.'s s. s. *Empress of Japan*, with the Canadian Mail, left Shanghai on Saturday, the 9th July, at 1.30 p.m., and may be expected here on or about the 12th July.

The M. M. Co.'s s. s. *Ernest Simons*, with the French Mail of June 16th, left Singapore on Saturday, the 9th July, at 6 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Saturday, the 16th July. This Packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on 7th May.

The O. & O. Co's s. s. *Belgic*, with the American Mail of 18th June, will leave Yokohama on Saturday, the 9th July, at daylight, and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 18th July.

Steamers Expected.

The N. P. Co's s. s. *Argyll* has arrived at Yokohama, and sailed for Kobe and Hongkong, on the 1st July.

The N. Y. K. s. s. *Riojun Maru* left Kobe, via Moji, for this port on the 3rd July, and is expected to arrive here on or about 11th July.

The N. Y. K. s. s. *Tosa Maru* left Singapore for this port on the 6th July, and is expected to arrive here on the 12th July.

The O. S. S. Co.'s s. *Prometheus*, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the morning of 7th July, and may be expected here on or about Tuesday, 12th July.

The N P. Co.'s s. s. *Victoria* arrived at Yokohama, whence she sails for Kobe and this port on the 3rd July.

The Austrian Lloyd's s. s. *Maria Valerie* left Singapore for this port on the night of 8th July.

The E. & A. S. S. Co.'s str. *Australian*, from Sydney &c., left Port Darwin on the 4th July, for this port.

The C. M. Co.'s steamer *Oopack*, from Glasgow and Liverpool, passed the Canal on the 1st July, and may be considered due at Singapore on or about the 19th July.

The E. A. Co. s.s. *Malaya*, from Copenhagen, Hamburg and Antwerp, may be considered due here on or about the 24th July.

The P. & O. Co.'s s. s. *Brindisi* left Bombay for this port on the 1st July.

The N. P. Co.'s s. s. *Olympia* sailed from Tacoma, for Japan and Hongkong, on the 2nd July.

Latest Advices.

The H. A. L. str *Erato*, from Hamburg, left Singapore for this port on the 10th July, and may be expected here on or about the 16th July.

The s. s. *Glenesk*, from Middlesbro' and London, will leave Singapore on Tuesday, the 12th July.

The N. P. steamer *Columbia*, which sailed from Kobe at 9.30 p.m. on the 12th ult., arrived at Tacoma, on the morning of the 25th—a passage of 15½ days.

The maximum temperature last month was 91.1, on the 2nd, and the minimum 75.6, on the 16th, the mean for the month being 81.6. The rainfall was 14.25 inches.

The Hamburg-American steamer *Arabia*, which arrived here to-day, is the deepest draught steamer which has gone alongside the wharves at Kowloon. She draws 26 feet of water.

Fears were entertained at Singapore for the safety of the British steamer *Lombard*, Capt. Raisin, which left Hongkong, from Japan, on the 17th June, with some 3,000 tons of Chinese cargo. The *Lombard* arrived at Singapore on 3rd July, having put into Labuan through stress of weather.

Yesterday evening, a coolie employed carrying flour from the Po On Godown, in Connaught Road, was buried in a fall of flour bags, and received severe injuries which have since proved fatal. The coolie was employed with a number of others removing flour from the godown to a cargo boat. About half-past eight o'clock, about thirty bags of flour toppled over on the coolie. The injured man was removed to his house at No. 21 Praya West, but was afterwards removed to the Tung Wah Hospital where he died this morning from the effects of his injury.

With reference to the offer of Marquis Ito, on his resignation of office, to throw up his decorations and title of nobility, he was visited, on June 30, by Marquis Saigo who conveyed an Imperial message to the following effect:—"The decorations and title of nobility have been conferred upon you in recognition of the distinguished services you have rendered to the State, [illegible] You should hand the decorations and title of nobility forever down to your descendants and let them be an evidence of the distinguished services you have rendered."

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